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SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1855.

THE Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. R. FURMAN, from II Corinthians, 11: 3—“*The simplicity that is in Christ.*”

Immediately after the Sermon the Convention assembled, and was called to order by the President. After prayer by Rev. I. L. Brooks, the Credentials of Delegates were presented, and the following names enrolled:

*Charleston Association.*—J. R. Kendrick, E. T. Winkler, A. D. Cohen, J. P. Boyce, N. Graham, B. C. Pressley, B. W. Whilden, J. P. Tustin, W. B. Elkins, Julius Smith, G. O. Robinson, B. W. Edwards.

*Edgefield Association.*—J. M. Chiles, W. P. Hill, Z. Watkins, G. Bell, D. Denny, Wm. Smith, B. F. Corley.

*Savannah River Association.*—H. D. Duncan, Isaac Nicholes, I. L. Brooks, A. J. Lawton, H. A. Duncan, Jos. A. Lawton, Rob't. Kirkland, B. H. Brown, B. W. Lawton, Jas. J. O'Bannon, J. C. Miller, G. W. Hicks, J. M. Nicholes.

*Welsh Neck Association.*—J. Culpepper, J. O. B. Dargan, T. P. Lide, I. D. Wilson, R. G. Edwards, J. N. McCall, R. F. Whilden.

*Tyger River Association.*—J. C. Furman, R. Furman, P. C. Edwards, C. H. Judson, C. J. Elford, T. B. Roberts, T. Woodruff.

*Reedy River Association.*—J. B. O'Neill, B. F. Griffin, J. J. Brantly, G. S. Cannon, A. K. Durham, Drayton Nance, J. B. Carwile, Wm. H. Harrington, Jos. S. McMorris, G. T. Scott, J. R. Leavel, Robinson Spearman.

*Saluda Association.*—A. Rice.

*Salem Association.*—R. R. Vann.

*Bethel Association.*—J. Gibbs, C. Felder, T. D. Gwin.

*Charleston Female Missionary and Education Society.*—B. C. Pressley.

*Broad River Society.*—T. Curtis.

*Young Men's Missionary Society of Furman University.*—J. C. P. Jeter, J. B. Hartwell.

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\* By mistake the last two Anniversaries were dated “fifty-third” and “fifty-fourth;” they should be “thirty-third” and “thirty-fourth.” Persons who preserve the Minutes will please make the necessary corrections.

The Convention then proceeded to organize by election of officers, when Rev. JAS. C. FURMAN was elected President, Rev. J. G. LANDRUM Vice-President, and Rev. J. J. BRANTLY Secretary.

1. *The Newberry District Bible Society* applied for admission and, on motion, was received.

2. On motion, an invitation was extended to ministering brethren of our own and other evangelical denominations, to sit in the Convention and take part in its deliberations; whereupon Rev. W. H. Robert, Corresponding Messenger from the Georgia State Convention, and Rev. Mr. McSwain, of the Methodist, Rev. Mr. Montgomery, of the Presbyterian, and Rev. Mr. Boinest, of the Lutheran Churches, took seats in the Convention.

3. The *Report of the Education Board* was then submitted, and ordered to be printed, as follows:

In submitting their Annual Report in reference to the important interests committed to their charge, your Board regret to be obliged to state that nothing has occurred since the last meeting of your body to warrant the hope of the final success of the new system of operation which was planned with the hope of giving increased interest to the meetings of the Convention. Your Board had hoped, from the Circular addressed to the Churches and Associations throughout the State, by their late Corresponding Secretary, Brother R. Furman, that the design and importance of the arrangement would meet with a ready and favorable response from our constituent bodies. This hope, however, has not been realized. No Church or Association, thus far, has thought proper to place their funds for the purposes of Education under the supervision of your Board. We are not, however, less impressed than at first with the importance of the plan of operation proposed. The Baptists of South Carolina are not indifferent to the great cause of Ministerial Education; but their benefactions for this object constitute no part of the Minutes of our Convention, and their extent is, consequently, unknown within our own borders, and, of course, to our Christian coadjutors beyond our borders. This difficulty would at once be obviated, could our religious bodies be induced to send up their contributions for this object to the State Convention, through the medium of your Board; and thus a growing interest might be excited in the hearts of many who are now but partially enlisted in the vital cause of Education. Your Board have only to say, in conclusion, that they leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Convention, and will await its further action in the premises.

G. B. BEALER, *Secretary*.

4. A letter was read from Brother Brockman, appointed at last meeting a Committee of One to attend to the renewal of the Convention Charter, reporting the duty performed.

5. On motion, a Committee was raised, consisting of Brethren Winkler, Dargan and Corley, to nominate new Boards.

6. On motion, an invitation was extended to representatives of kindred bodies to sit in the Convention; when Brother B. W. Whilden, Agent of the Foreign Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention; Brother J. P. Tustin, Corresponding Secretary of the

Southern Baptist Publication Society; and Brother A. C. Dayton, Corresponding Secretary of the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, appeared and took their seats.

7. On motion, a Committee was raised, consisting of Brethren Kendrick, Nicholes, Judson, H. A. Duncan and Harrington, to arrange for Addresses to be delivered by the representatives of kindred Bodies and Boards, who may desire to address the Convention.

8. On motion, a Committee was raised, consisting of the Pastor and Deacons of the Newberry Church, B. F. Griffin and A. J. Lawton, to arrange for Preaching.

9. On motion, a Committee was raised, consisting of J. B. O'Neill and J. J. Brantly, to revise the Constitution of the Convention and its various amendments, the Rules of Order, and, also, the Charter of the Furman University, and to have them printed.

10. On motion of Rev. E. T. Winkler, it was *Resolved*, That, in future meetings of the Convention, the times of reading the Reports of the various Boards be designated as suitable occasions for public appeals from the friends and advocates of the objects which these Boards have, respectively, under their charge.

11. On motion, it was *Resolved*, That "The Southern Baptist," as conducted by the present editor, continues to give us entire satisfaction, and has thus imposed upon us the obligation—which we cheerfully recognize—to make all proper efforts to extend its circulation.

After prayer by Rev. H. D. Duncan, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday at 10, A. M.

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LORD'S DAY, JULY 22.—The Charity Sermon was preached in the morning by Rev. Jas. C. Furman. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Dayton preached; and at night, Rev. Mr. Kendrick. The collection taken up in the morning amounted to \$113 55. The pulpits of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal and Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches, were, also, through the kind invitation of those Churches, occupied through the day by members of the Convention.

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MONDAY, JULY 23—10, A. M.

The Convention met, and was called to order by the President. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Nicholes, the Minutes were read and the following Committees appointed by the Chair:

*On Time and Place of Next Meeting, and Persons to Perform Usual Religious Services.*—Jos. A. Lawton, R. G. Edwards, A. D. Cohen, B. W. Whilden.

*On Accounts.*—B. H. Brown, J. B. Carwile.

*On Nomination of the Board of Agents.*—A. Rice, J. A. Lawton, T. P. Lide, H. A. Duncan.

*Preparation of List of Ministers and their Post Offices.*—J. Culpepper, R. F. Whilden, B. F. Corley.

*Notice of Deceased Ministers.*—T. Curtis, E. T. Winkler, J. O. B. Dargan.

12. The *Report of the Sunday School Board* was submitted, and concurred in, as follows :

The Sunday School Board respectfully begs leave to submit its Annual Report :

We regret that it is not in our power to report any active organized operations in behalf of the Sunday School cause, for, whilst we are deeply impressed with the importance of the object which has been committed to our care, and whilst, as individuals, we have labored to advance its interests, yet, as a Board, we have been without the means necessary for taking even the initiatory steps toward the accomplishment of the purposes of our organization.

The value and importance of the Sunday School cause are conceded by all; and even those who never participate in its operations, and who manifest no active interest in its success, are ready to admit the justice of its claim to a large share of the sympathy and support of the Christian world. Very few are found who are bold enough to *oppose* its claims. But this passive acquiescence in the principles of the Sunday School system, unaccompanied with more substantial evidences of interest, will never do much towards the advancement of the means which aid so largely in bringing our little ones to the remembrance of their Creator in the days of their youth. Something is necessary to awaken the churches to the necessity of active and laborious efforts in the cause of the public religious instruction of the young, and we have been impressed with the conviction that a plain statistical exhibit of the destitution of Baptist children throughout our State, would be sufficient to awaken this interest, and to stir up the dormant energies of our denomination in this matter.

We are anxious to obtain statistical information of the number of Sunday Schools and of Sunday School Teachers and Scholars in the Baptist Churches throughout the State, but more especially to obtain information of the larger number of children in Baptist congregations who are destitute of Sunday School instruction, and, so far as we can do so, we are anxious to provide for the supply of this destitution.

To effect these objects, we propose to place one or more active Agents in the field, to obtain information relative to the progress and wants of the Sunday School cause; to promote its interest by public addresses; to receive contributions for its objects; to organize Schools where they do not exist, and to visit and encourage them where they do; to instruct new Schools in the best method of teaching and general operations; to supply needy Schools with books; and in every other suitable way to carry out the objects of this Board.

To carry out these ends we must have some pecuniary assistance, and we appeal to the Christian benevolence of our churches to render us that assistance. We hope that when our agent shall visit the churches, he may receive the cordial co-operation of our brethren, and that they will manifest, by their contributions, and by other friendly manifestations, that they love those whom our blessed Saviour took in His arms and blessed, and that they remember our Master's admonition, that it is not the will of our Father that one of these little ones should perish.

We are anxious to go to work in this good cause immediately and effectively, and pledge ourselves to make a faithful and judicious use of whatever money may be put in our hands for these purposes.

We respectfully ask that the Convention will embody its sentiments upon this Report by the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Sunday School cause deserves, and should receive, the active and earnest attention of this Convention, and of the Baptist denomination at large, and that our brethren throughout the State are affectionately requested to co-operate heartily with our Sunday School Board, and with their Agents, in carrying out their objects.

C. J. ELFORD, *Corresponding Secretary*.

13. The following resolution was adopted : *Resolved*, That "The Sacred Lute," issued by the Southern Baptist Publication Society, be recommended by this Convention as a hymn book which meets, in many special and important respects, the religious exigencies of the people of this State.

14. The Committee on Revision of the Constitution, was allowed more time, and directed to report through the printed Minutes.

15. On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the names of those Delegates only actually present at meetings of the Convention, be hereafter printed with the Minutes.

16. The Committee on Nomination of new Boards submitted their Report, which, being amended by the substitution of Darlington for Society Hill, as the location of the Education Board, was adopted, as follows :

#### BOARDS FOR 1855-'56.

*Missions, Publication and Colportage, at Columbia*.—President, J. V. Lyles ; Secretary, J. K. Mendenhall ; Treasurer, Dr. S. Blanding ; Managers, L. C. Hinton, J. Scott, A. H. Fort, Dr. J. W. Powell.

*Sunday School Board, at Greenville*.—President, C. J. Elford ; Secretary, T. Q. Donaldson ; Treasurer, John Mitchell ; Managers, J. G. Landrum, Thos. J. Earle, J. W. Long, G. F. Townes.

*Education Board, at Darlington*.—President, T. P. Lide ; Secretary, G. B. Bealer ; Treasurer, Dr. S. Pressley ; Managers, R. G. Edwards, Allen McIver, J. O. B. Dargan, J. W. Burn.

*Bible Board, at Newberry*.—President, Jno. B. O'Neill ; Secretary, Jno. J. Brantly ; Treasurer, Jno. B. Carwile ; Managers, W. H. Harrington, G. T. Scott, B. F. Griffin, Jno. Gary.

In accordance with a previous arrangement, the Convention then suspended its business, for the purpose of hearing Rev. J. P.

Tustin, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, in behalf of the objects and claims of the Society.

17. The following resolutions were then adopted: *Resolved*, That the Convention has listened with great interest to the statements of the Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, touching the claims and operations of that institution.

*Resolved*, That the Southern Baptist Publication Society be commended to the members of the Baptist denomination throughout the State, as, in a high degree, deserving of their affection and their liberal support.

The Convention then adjourned to 4, P. M.

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MONDAY, JULY 23—4, P. M.

The Convention met: President in the Chair.

18. The following resolution was adopted: *Resolved*, That the Associations and the Bodies represented in this Convention be requested to transmit their contributions to the various Boards having in charge, respectively, the objects for which said contributions are made; and that the Board of Missions, Publication and Colportage do pay the amount thus received by them for Foreign and Domestic Missions to the Treasurer of the Convention, to be by him paid to the Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

19. The Committee on Nomination of a Board of Agents reported the following names in connection with the Officers of the Convention: J. G. Landrum, J. R. Kendrick, R. Furman, J. O. B. Dargan, J. P. Boyce.

20. The following preamble and resolutions were introduced by Rev. Mr. Boyce and adopted:

Whereas, at a meeting of the friends of Theological Education in the South and West, held at Montgomery, Alabama, during the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention, a Convention of the different State Conventions and Colleges connected with the Baptist denomination of the South, was requested to be held at Augusta, Georgia, on the — day of May, 1856, to take into consideration the establishment of a Central Southern Theological Institution:

*Resolved*, That this Convention appoint a Committee of Three to nominate ten Delegates to meet in the proposed Convention for conference.

*Resolved*, That this Convention does not, however, bind itself to any action taken by that Convention, but will receive, with due consideration, the counsel and advice of that body.

The Committee under the first resolution consisted of J. P. Boyce, B. C. Pressley, E. T. Winkler.

21. On motion, the Committee was instructed to include their own names in the nomination.

22. The Treasurer of the Convention then submitted his Report, which was committed to the Committee on Accounts. The Convention ordered that \$20 20 reported by the Treasurer as in his hands, being amount sent up last year by the Bethel Association, be paid to the Secretary of the Convention, to be applied by him to paying the balance due for printing the Minutes of last year.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Curtis, the Convention adjourned, to meet to-morrow, at 8, A. M.

### TUESDAY, JULY 24—8, A. M.

The Convention assembled, the President in the Chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. P. Hill, and the Minutes were read.

23. The *Report of the Bible Board* was then read and adopted, as follows:

Your Board regret to be obliged to report that nothing has been done during the past year in reference to the object which has been committed to their charge. With the single exception of the Newberry District Bible Society, the formation of no auxiliary organizations has been reported to them; and they have received no funds but what have been contributed by the above-named Society. In the hope of awakening an interest in the important cause committed to their hands, your Board would recommend the formation of Associational or District and Congregational Societies, to be auxiliary to the Board. They also think it best to appoint, at an early day, a suitable person, as Agent, to visit the various Associations at their next meetings, to call their attention to the Bible cause and to the suggestion made above concerning the formation of Associational and Congregational Societies. Your Board are satisfied that some such plan must be adopted, or that, otherwise, nothing can be accomplished.

JOHN J. BRANTLY, *Secretary*.

24. The Report of the Committee on time and place of next meeting and persons to perform usual religious services, was submitted and adopted, as follows: *Place of Meeting*, Greenville; *Time*, Saturday before the Commencement of the University, (20th July;) *Introductory Sermon* to be preached by Rev. J. H. Luther—Alternate, Rev. E. T. Winkler; *Charity Sermon* by Rev. J. J. Brantly—Alternate, Rev. H. A. Duncan.

25. On motion, it was resolved to send Messengers to the next meeting of the Georgia Convention, to be held in Savannah, in April next. The following persons were nominated: Rev. Dr. Manly, J. R. Kendrick, E. T. Winkler, I. L. Brooks, J. P. Tustin, H. D. Duncan, J. J. Brantly, Brethren A. J. Lawton, B. C. Pressly;

and it seemed to be the wish of the Convention that any member present at the meeting of the Georgia Convention should be considered a Messenger.

26. The *Report of the Board of Missions, Publication and Colportage* was submitted and adopted, as follows :

The Board of Missions, Publication and Colportage, in presenting their second Annual Report, have to express deep regret that, owing to unavoidable causes, among them the almost continued absence of their Corresponding Secretary, they are not able to present to the Convention evidences of more satisfactory progress.

It is owing to these things, and not to any want of interest felt by our brethren in this matter, that we have done nothing in the collection of the sum for colportage which we requested permission of the last Convention to attempt to raise. The necessity of colportage is one which is deeply felt among our brethren. In the absence of other efforts, many of the Associations have already entered upon the work, and that, too, in the most successful manner. Their distributors of books have circulated hundreds of publications throughout the land, and, doubtless, in many parts of the State the kingdom of Christ has been much built up. It was not intended that your Board should supercede, but the rather encourage, such efforts. There are many reasons why the work should be done as directly as possible by those who incur the risk of expense in its management. We earnestly desire the multiplication of these efforts, which may soon, even at their past rates of increase, cover all the settled parts of the State with a literature full of the best motives to piety and abounding in good fruits. We could wish, however, to see the means of carrying on the work where there are none of these organizations. We deem it highly important that religious books and tracts, and that Baptist publications, should find their way into every house; and, if for no other purpose than enabling us to excite public attention on this subject and arouse our churches to a full sense of the importance of the work, we would earnestly ask for annual incorporation, in the Report of this Board, of all such associational or private laborers for colportage, publication and missions, that they would present us with an annual statement of what has been done by them; the amount of books and tracts distributed; the number of visits paid for prayer and exhortation; any sermons preached; and any religious or other results which may have accrued from their labors.

During the past year your Board has been the organ of the transmission of fifty dollars, through the Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, to the Foreign Board at Richmond. This money was the contribution of the Broad River Society, to aid in the spread of the Gospel. The other funds received by this Board, in the way of contribution, have not been received at a sufficiently early period to appear in this Report, and, therefore, they will appear in the transactions of the coming year.

The Entzminger Richland Missionary fund has been transferred to our Board, in accordance with the direction of the Convention at its last meeting. That fund stands, at present, invested in various ways—in most part in notes and stock, as they were originally transferred by Brother Entzminger. The following statement has been received from Brother Lyles:

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May 10,	Cash for Check on Branch Bank,	-	-	\$2,700 00
Oct. 19,	" collected,	-	-	230 00
Nov. 16,	" "	-	-	125 00
Dec. 7,	" "	-	-	100 00

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 \$3,155 00

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INVESTED :

May 19, 15	Shares Exchange Bank Stock at \$27	-	\$ 405 00
" 22, 85	" " " " " "	-	2,295 00
Nov. 16, 10	" " " " " "	-	270 00

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 Deduct from above - - - - \$2,970 00

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 Balance, - - - - \$185 00

Add January dividend, - - - - 82 50

" July " - - - - 82 50

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 Amount at credit in Exchange Bank, - - - \$350 00

The \$185 is a part of the fund not invested. The dividends are subject to a check for the maintenance of a missionary in this District. There is also due, but not collected, \$105, the interest on a bond of \$1,500. Arrangements have been made to transfer the trusteeship of this fund to Dr. Blanding, and will be consummated to-day, (July 23d,) if possible.

In accordance with the directions contained in the Trust establishing this fund, your Board sought, in every possible direction, a suitable man to perform the duties of a missionary in Richland District. At one time we had some hope of obtaining the services of a brother whose labors would have been, in an eminent degree, acceptable and profitable in that field. But the small amount of the income of the fund, and the number of days of actual labor required, caused him finally to decline. No other, who would have been suitable, could be procured, and your Board decided, after due deliberation, and with deep regret, that the appointment for the present year should not be made. This regret was the more keenly felt inasmuch as there exists a deep necessity for such labors in that District. And your Board, in view of that necessity, may deem it expedient, rather than thus accumulate the fund, or to appoint an inadequate missionary, to make arrangements with some one of the churches in the District, by which, for the devotion of a part of his time to that church and the remnant to the mission field at large, we may secure the services of a brother whose efforts will duly impress the people, not only with the correctness of our peculiar views of church ordinances and membership, but, which is of so much greater importance, with their lost and perishing condition and their need of Christ.

Your Board have, as yet, put no agent in the field for the collection of funds, or for awakening deeper interest in the noble causes which are under our direction. We have hardly supposed it proper to do so. The expenses of an agency would be so great, in comparison with the amount that would be collected, the fears of the churches would be so much aroused lest there should be too great a demand for the Master's cause, of the Master's money; and more than all, the loss of an efficient brother from the ministry to en-

gage in this work, would be of so great disadvantage to our State, that we have hesitated to appoint an agent who should be nothing but an agent. Your Board feel convinced, however, that several agents may be sent forth by us in our operations, or by the various Boards unitedly, whose great duty it should be to do the work of evangelists—to minister in the blessed truths of salvation to the lost and perishing around us. They might hold protracted meetings from point to point; they might penetrate into the darkest portions of the State, and seek after a class ignorant and unaccustomed to give anything, and, therefore, usually passed over by our agents; they might instil into them the principles of the Gospel; they might awaken them to a sense of their own condition and that of others; and from such labors, the claims of benevolence being incidentally presented, but yet strongly urged, we may reasonably expect not only the full amount of money which could otherwise be obtained, but also the gathering in of many precious souls into the churches of Christ.

Such an agency would not be expensive, because it would more than ten-fold pay for itself. It would not alarm the churches, because the chief object would appear to be, what it *would* be, the preaching of the Gospel; and the contributions asked for would be sought only at that time, when the servant of Christ, being awakened to a sense of time and eternity, and to a full recognition of his own sinfulness and of the love of Christ, the stewardship held by him is recognized, and the importance, also, of using what has thus been entrusted to him for the glory of God and the conversion of souls. Nor could we employ to greater advantage the talents of any ministering brother, than in thus sending him forth, bearing precious seed to sow broadcast throughout the land. There are a number of our ministering brethren who feel the great difference between the duties of an agent, as commonly performed, and those of one who thus goes forth chiefly as a herald of the Cross; and there are many who would not give up their ministerial labors, even, for the important work of agency, who would gladly spend and be spent in our service in the manner that we have described. In conclusion, your Board would earnestly invoke the cordial co-operation of the different Associations and Mission Boards of the State. We have desired to form an auxiliary connection with the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, but, although our plans for such connection have been in great part matured, we have not felt ourselves in position to offer them. Your Board at present is almost in an isolated condition. Save the support derived from its position as the organ of this Convention, it presents no inducements for such connection to the Board at Marion. The Associations of the State seem to have been singularly forgetful of its existence. The brethren who assisted in forming it have made no efforts to bring it to the notice of their Associations, to make their Boards auxiliary to ours; and the position of the Board, with no salaried officer devoted entirely to its interests, has precluded it from attempting this work, and has rendered it imperative upon the brethren to do it for us. Even the Minutes of Associations have not been sent us, nor have we been able in any way to procure them; hence our Report is barren of those statistics of the operations of the different missionary agencies of the Associations, which, of themselves, would have been of great advantage in encouraging some portions of the State and awakening others in the missionary enterprise. We trust that we may never have this as a future cause of complaint, but

that the Minutes, and any other documents, or any single facts which may be of interest to the cause of missions, may be regularly forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. We would also put in an earnest plea, in order to accomplish the same object, that funds for the Foreign and Domestic Boards be transmitted through the hands of our Treasurer at Columbia. They will thus appear in our Reports, and will enable us to present to the public a full statement of the missionary efforts of our State in every direction. We assure the brethren, whatever may be said to the contrary, that we can forward their funds as expeditiously as they can be forwarded in any other way.

If the brethren of the State will thus come up to the aid of the Board; if they will—instead of throwing obstacles in its way—seek, by all the means in their power, to remove them; if they cast aside all jealousies, and frown upon all efforts to depreciate the Board; if they will only learn to regard it as *their* Board, created by their delegates for the common interests of the Baptists of the State, there is a great and noble work before us, one that may well call forth all our energies—one that may well fill the demands of the most benevolent heart—one that is destined to work out blessings innumerable and inconceivable for our State—and one which, if fully developed with all the means in our power, will soon make even the wilderness and the solitary places to blossom as the rose, and place the Baptists of South Carolina immeasurably ahead of all others, in point of numbers and influence, of Christian zeal and active effort.

To the prayers, to the good wishes, and to the earnest co-operation of the Baptists of the State of South Carolina, and to the grace and blessing of the Great Head of the Church, would your Board commend its work, with the earnest pledge, on their part, of earnest and active effort in the farther discharge of their duties.

JAS. P. BOYCE, *Secretary*.

27. On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Messengers be sent to the Western Convention of North Carolina; when Rev. Dr. Curtis, Rev. R. Furman and Rev. J. P. Boyce were appointed.

28. *Report of Committee on Accounts* was submitted and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Accounts have examined the Report of the Treasurer of the State Convention, and find the same correct and properly vouched.

29. *Report of Committee on List of Ministers* submitted and adopted, and will be found in the last pages of the Minutes.

30. A vote of thanks was passed to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, for their liberality to the Convention in passing members over their Road for one fare; also, to the citizens of this place, for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the Convention; also, to the Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal and Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches, for the use of their houses of worship on Lord's day.

31. *Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers* was submitted and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers beg leave to report that they have come to the knowledge, in that interesting list, of the name of Pro-

fessor Mims only. Perhaps the Divine mercy which has thus spared our Ministry, in the point of its members, has meant to draw our particular attention to the value of the single life it has taken from us, and to the important office in which Professor Mims was the chosen and chief agent of the Theological education we patronize. He was faithful, as such, unto death ; his praise is in all our churches ; his loss has been bemoaned deeply and suitably in the immediate sphere in which he moved at Greenville. We do not think, therefore, that words of eulogy upon him are here required ; but it was impossible not to notice so important a death in this Convention. We trust that a full memoir of the Professor will be prepared hereafter ; it would be made very profitable, we do not doubt, to the students of our University, and particularly of the Theological Class.

THOS. CURTIS, *Chairman*.

32. The Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Augusta Theological Seminary Convention reported the following names : Rev. J. P. Boyce, E. T. Winkler, H. A. Duncan, J. R. Kendrick, I. L. Brooks, J. O. B. Dargan, J. P. Tustin, R. Furman, Thos. Curtis and B. C. Pressley.

33. It was ordered that the collection taken up on Sunday be appropriated to the printing of the Minutes.

34. It was ordered that 2,000 copies of the Minutes be printed and distributed as last year.

After prayer by Rev. J. P. Tustin, the Convention adjourned.

J. C. FURMAN, *President*.

J. J. BRANTLY, *Secretary*.



CONSTITUTION  
OF  
THE STATE CONVENTION  
OF THE  
BAPTIST DENOMINATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.  
REVISED AT THIS MEETING.

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WE, the Representatives of the constituent bodies of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, do agree upon the following Articles, as forming the annexed Constitution of the Convention and the basis of the union:

ARTICLE I.

This Body shall be styled the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina.

ARTICLE II.

The grand objects of this Convention shall be: The promotion of religious education, and particularly that of pious young men designed for the Gospel ministry; to bring the Baptist Churches of this State into closer union; to harmonize their views and feelings in things spiritual, by conferring together on all matters of interest respecting the kingdom of God; and, in general, to direct and concentrate their efforts in such measures as may, in their opinion, tend to promote the glory of God and the spread of evangelical knowledge in the earth. The Convention, though not unwilling to give advice in cases of difficulty, yet will claim to itself no power to lord it over God's heritage, believing that the right of government, under Christ, is vested in the Churches themselves.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall consist of Delegates from the several Baptist Associations in this State who may approve of the measures here adopted, and of Representatives from other religious bodies of the Baptist connection concerned in the promotion of the same objects with the Convention; the number of Delegates and Representatives bearing always a just proportion of the number of their constituents. The attending Delegates shall be a quorum to do business. The appointment of these Delegates shall be made annually or biennially, as the Convention shall determine to hold its meetings, and a certificate of their appointment shall be exhibited to the Convention. The members of the Board of Agents shall be ex-officio members of the new Convention.

## ARTICLE IV.

The Convention shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It shall also have a Board of Agents for the transaction of business during its recess, consisting of eight members—the Treasurer ex-officio being one of them—any three of whom, duly convened, shall be a quorum. The duties severally assigned to the officers of similar institutions shall devolve on those of this body, according to their rank and character in the Convention and the Board. The Board, as Agents, shall be adequate to the performance of all necessary business which may occur during the recess of the Convention. Both Officers and Agents shall hold their station (unless forfeited by unrighteous conduct) till a new election. The Board shall have the power to fill vacancies in their own body.

## ARTICLE V.

The support of a Seminary of learning in this State, under the care of this Convention, shall be considered as a primary object. The design of this Seminary is to assist those who, in the judgment of their Churches, are called of God to preach the Gospel, that they may study to shew themselves workmen approved unto God, that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Those of this character who need pecuniary aid may receive it, at the discretion of the Convention, from funds appropriated to this object. The government of this Seminary shall be committed to a Board of Trustees, to be elected by the Convention at the end of every fourth year. But if from any cause the election shall not take place at the time appointed, the members of the Board shall continue in office till a new election shall be made. The Board of Trustees shall be governed by a set of rules which shall form the Constitution of the Seminary, in conformity with which the Seminary shall be managed in all its interests—pecuniary, literary, moral and religious. The Board shall present a written statement of their transactions, and of the state of the Seminary, at each stated meeting of the Convention, which shall be subject to their approval.

## ARTICLE VI.

Ministers of the Gospel in any of our Churches needing aid in the more necessary part of learning, and unable to attend at the institution, may be furnished with a supply of the most useful books from the general fund for education purposes.

## ARTICLE VII.

Although contributions in money shall not be considered requisite to entitle to a representation in the Convention, yet this body will receive such contributions from any of its constituent bodies that may wish to aid in the support of missionary service among the destitute, either at home or abroad; or of the education of pious

young men who may be approved by the Churches to whom they belong, as called of God to preach the Gospel; or any other scheme of benevolence tending to the increase of evangelical and useful knowledge, or of vital practical religion. And the right of conducting the business of the fund will be considered as vested exclusively in the representatives of bodies which do regularly contribute. In electing the Board of Agents none but the representatives of those who contribute regularly to the objects of the Convention shall be entitled to a vote. Also, in electing the Board of Trustees, and in all matters relating to the Theological Seminary, none but the representatives of regular contributors to that object shall be entitled to a vote. And, that satisfaction may be given to the contributors that their contributions are faithfully applied, a just and clear statement shall be published annually by the Board, both with respect to moneys received and expended. All moneys specially appropriated shall be sacredly applied to the object designated; but where any contributions or bequests are made without any specific designation, discretion in their application shall be exercised by the Convention or its Board of Agents.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys and specialties belonging to the Convention, and keep separate accounts of the amounts contributed for different objects, and render regular accounts of them to the Convention at its stated meetings, and, also, to the Board, when called upon to do so. He shall be elected by this Convention at its stated meeting, and shall hold his office until the last day of the next meeting, and until another shall be elected and give bond and enter upon the duties of his office. For the faithful discharge of his trust he shall give bond and security to this Convention, in such sum of money as they may from time to time direct. He shall pay no money out of the funds but by the order of the Convention or Board, signed by the presiding officer. And should the said office become vacant by death, resignation or removal, the said vacancy shall be filled by an election by the Board of Agents, and the person so elected by the Board shall hold his office until the next stated meeting of the Convention, and until another shall be elected, give bond and security, and enter upon the duties of his office. And the Treasurer so elected shall give bond, and do all the duties required, and in the same manner as if elected by the Convention.

#### ARTICLE IX.

The Convention may use its discretion, in having either an annual or biennial meeting; but, in cases of important concern, and especially when the arrangement for a biennial meeting has been made, the President may, at the instance of the Board, call an earlier meeting.

ARTICLE X.

Any alteration which experience may prove to be necessary, may be made in these Rules, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual or biennial meeting.

RULES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

1. The meeting of the Convention shall be opened and closed, each day of its session, with prayer by the President, or by some person whom he shall request to perform the service.

2. After prayer on the first day the names of Delegates shall be enrolled, officers shall be elected, and when the body is organized, applications for membership from new bodies be decided on, and if admitted, their attending Delegates shall be received by the right hand of fellowship. The Constitution of the Convention and the Rules of Order shall then be read.

3. The Minutes of the preceding day shall be read, to the end that mistakes, if any shall have been made, may be corrected.

4. Persons invited to seats in Convention shall have the privilege of speaking in debate, but not of voting.

5. The members of Convention shall retain their seats, preserve silence, and refrain from conversation during the reading of the Minutes, while the presiding officer is putting a question, or when any member is speaking in debate.

6. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of Convention without permission.

7. Each member, when he speaks in debate, or has any communication to make to the Convention, shall address the Chair, standing in his place, and when he has finished he shall sit down.

8. No member shall speak oftener than twice in any one debate on the same day, without permission from the Convention.

9. When two or more members rise nearly at the same time, to address the Convention, the President shall name the one to speak, being the one who had first risen and addressed the Chair. After he shall have spoken, those who had risen with him shall be heard in the order of their rising, in priority of all others, should they still desire to be heard.

10. When a member shall be called to order, he shall sit down until the Chair determines whether he is in order or not. An appeal, however, may be made from the decision of the Chair to the Convention.

11. No motion shall be debated, nor the question upon it be put, unless it shall have been seconded; and then, if required by the President or any member, it shall be reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, and read before the debate begins.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand here arranged. Neither of these motions, with the exception of that to adjourn, after being decided, shall be allowed again on the same day upon the same question.

13. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a question is actually put, and the Convention is engaged in voting.

14. If the question for debate contain several points, it may be divided at the request of any member.

15. In filling up blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

16. When the question has been once made, and the vote taken, it shall be in order for any member in the majority to move for its reconsideration.

17. All questions shall be put by the President, and the members shall respectively signify their assent by answering "Yea," and their dissent by answering "No." If the President or any member shall not be satisfied that the decision expressed by the ayes or noes is certainly ascertained, the President shall request those who voted in the affirmative to rise and stand until they shall be counted. After these shall be seated the President shall request those who voted in the negative to rise and stand till they shall be counted. In the event of an equal decision, the President shall have the casting vote.

18. When the President shall desire to be heard in debate, or to be temporarily absent, the Chair shall be taken by the Vice President; or, in case of his absence, by some member named by the President, until he shall resume his seat.

19. The following Standing Committees, to consist of five members each, shall be appointed by the President at the commencement of each session, viz:

A Committee to arrange the Preaching during the Meeting.

A Committee on Accounts.

A Committee on the Minutes and Letters of Corresponding Bodies.

A Committee on the Time and Place of next Meeting, and the Persons who shall Preach the stated Sermons of the Convention's appointment.

A Committee on the notice of Deceased Ministers.

A Committee to prepare a List of the Names of Baptist Ministers in South Carolina and their Post Offices.

A Committee on Nomination of a Board of Agents.

CHARTER  
OF  
THE STATE CONVENTION  
OF THE

BAPTIST DENOMINATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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*Extracts from an Act of the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, passed December 20th, 1825, incorporating, amongst other Societies, "The State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina."*

WHEREAS, the Societies and Associations hereinafter named, have, by their respective petitions, prayed for acts of incorporation, which it is both right and expedient to grant:

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all those persons who now are, or hereafter may become, members of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination of South Carolina, be, and the same are hereby declared, a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of "The State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina."

XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each of the Societies and Associations hereinabove incorporated, shall, respectively, be able and capable, in law and equity, to have, hold, receive, enjoy, possess and retain, all such property, real and personal, as they may now be respectively possessed of, or in anywise entitled to, or which shall have been, or shall hereafter be, given, bequeathed, or in any way acquired; and to sell, alien, or otherwise part with the same, or any part thereof, as they shall, respectively, deem proper or expedient: Provided, the amount so held by the Societies or Associations, respectively, shall, in no case, exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, except the Agricultural Wine and Silk Company of South Carolina, and the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, who shall, respectively, be limited, the first to one hundred thousand dollars, and the last to two hundred thousand dollars.

XX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the objects and purposes of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, are hereby declared to be, to erect and establish an academical and theological seminary for the education of youth, generally, and of indigent pious young men, particularly, who may be designed for the gospel ministry, and for all other purposes necessary for carrying the foregoing objects into effect.

XXI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Societies and Associations shall, respectively, by their proper names, have succession of officers and members, to be chosen according to the rules and by-laws made or to be made for their several government and direction; and shall have power and authority to make by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of the land; and to have, keep and use a common seal, and the same to

change and alter ; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity in this State ; and to have and enjoy all the rights and privileges incident or belonging to incorporated bodies.

XXVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be deemed a public Act, and continue of force for the term of fourteen years.

*Extract from an Act passed December 21, 1839, renewing Charter for fourteen years.*

SEC. 3. The Act passed in December, 1825, incorporating the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination of South Carolina, is hereby continued of force for the further term of fourteen years.

*Extract from the 5th Section of an Act of the Legislature, passed December 21, 1854, renewing Charter.*

That the charter of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina be renewed, with all the rights, powers and privileges heretofore granted.

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FURMAN UNIVERSITY.

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GREENVILLE, JULY 18, 1855.

The Board met, the following members being present, viz: I. L. Brooks, J. R. Kendrick, C. J. Elford, R. Furman, T. P. Lide, A. J. Lawton, Z. Watkins, J. A. Lawton, H. D. Duncan, A. Rice, J. Culpepper, H. A. Duncan, J. W. Brooks, I. Nicholes, R. G. Edwards, T. B. Roberts, E. T. Winkler, P. E. Duncan. Prayer by Brother Watkins.

Proceeded to sign the Diplomas of the Graduating Class of the University.

*Resolved*, That hereafter Diplomas be signed by the Faculty, and by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Adjourned.

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THURSDAY MORNING.

The Board met. Prayer by Brother H. D. Duncan.

The Report of the Agent was read.

Appointed Messrs. Winkler, Furman and Kendrick a Committee to prepare a suitable testimonial in regard to Prof. Mims.

*Resolved* to purchase the Library of the late Prof. Mims.

The Secretary having presented to the Board a deed from Mr. B. McBride, of Beaufort District, conveying to the Board stock in the Graniteville Manufacturing Company to the amount of \$2,000, for the support of Theological Beneficiaries in Furman University:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mr. McBride the grateful acknowledgments of the Board for his liberal donation.

It was still farther *Resolved*, That the fund thus contributed should be designated "The McBride Fund;" and that Mr. Howard, a student in the University, should be adopted as beneficiary, for the present, on the McBride fund.

The Executive Committee on the Greenville Baptist Female College reported.

The Reports of the Faculty and of the Executive Committee on Furman University were read and laid on the table for future consideration.

Adjourned to meet at Newberry on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## NEWBERRY, FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Board met and appointed several Committees on the Report of the Faculty.

Adopted the recommendation of the Faculty, touching the modification of the Theological Department to suit the cases of such students as may not have enjoyed the advantages of a literary course.

*Resolved*, That the Board approve of the suggestion of the Faculty in regard to a Normal Department, and that they be requested to prepare a plan for such Department.

The title of "Professor and Principal of the Academical Department," was conferred upon the Principal of that Department.

Elected Rev. W. B. Royall Professor and Principal of the Academical Department.

Passed a vote of thanks to Dr. Barratt, of Abbeville, for contributions to cabinet of minerals of the University.

Adjourned to Saturday morning.

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SATURDAY MORNING.

The Board met. Prayer by Brother Culpepper.

Passed a vote of thanks to Judge O'Neill, for donation of books to University Library.

Adopted a resolution requesting such of the Faculty as have aided in instructing in the Female College, as soon as practicable, and, in any event, from the beginning of the next term, to confine their attention exclusively to their respective duties in the University.

The Committee to prepare a testimonial in regard to Professor Mims, reported as follows:

Whereas, it has pleased God, in His all-wise Providence, to remove from the scene of his labors our esteemed Brother, JAMES S. MIMS, who, for the last twelve years, has been connected, as Professor of Biblical Literature and Systematic Theology, with the Institutions under the charge of the Baptist State Convention; and, whereas, this sad bereavement touches us nearly as the Trustees of the Furman University, and moves us, while we acknowledge God's mighty hand, to mingle our laments with those that have been uttered beside his early grave; be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the death of our friend and brother in the prime of his years and in the midst of his usefulness, awakens in our hearts emotions of profound sorrow, and a sense of the greatness of the loss with which the Sovereign Disposer of Events has afflicted us. In him one of the choicest pillars in our temple of learning has fallen to the ground.

*Resolved*, That Professor Mims deserved, and will ever hold, a place in our affectionate remembrance. His former preceptors

have rendered their cheerful testimony to his rare powers and laborious attainments as a student—his pupils, to the comprehensiveness of his acquaintance with the Scriptures, to the keenness of his critical acumen, and to the clearness of his insight into truth and his mastery of its remote analogies—while none who came into contact with him could fail to remark his indifference to mere externals, the simplicity of his aims as a man and a Christian, the strictness of his moral judgments, and the prevailing purity and nobleness of his nature.

*Resolved*, That we sympathize with the partner and children of our departed brother; that, with them, we rejoice in signs of an immortal triumph which attended his departure, and indulge the hope of a future re-union with the loved and lost; and that, in their present afflictions, we commend them to the consolations of the Most High—the Father of the fatherless and the widow's God.

In behalf of the Committee.

E. T. WINKLER, Chairman.

The above Report was adopted, and the Secretary instructed to transmit a copy to the widow of the deceased, and to have it published in the Southern Baptist, in the Biblical Recorder and in the Greenville papers.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

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#### MONDAY MORNING.

The Board met. Prayer by Brother H. D. Duncan.

The deed of transfer of Academy grounds for Greenville Baptist Female College was read; the same was accepted, and Judge O'Neill requested to draw the form of acceptance.

Passed a resolution authorizing the Faculty and the Executive Committee to provide for the separate instruction of boys under twelve years of age, provided the same can be done without additional expense to this Board.

The Report of the Treasurer was submitted and referred to the following Committee, viz: Roberts, Wilson and Lide.

Rev. James P. Boyce was unanimously elected Professor of Theology.

After a protracted discussion in regard to a proposed change in the time of Vacation, it was resolved that the Vacation continue as heretofore.

Appointed the last Thursday in July for day of Commencement.

Rev. H. A. Duncan was unanimously elected President of the Greenville Baptist Female College.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report reported that they had examined the same and found it correct and well vouched.

Appointed C. J. Elford, J. B. O'Neill, T. B. Roberts, P. E. Duncan and T. Curtis, a Committee to report a general plan for the organization and operations of the Greenville Baptist Female College.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the selection of a Professor of Chemistry reported, stating the circumstances connected with the appointment of Dr. Gauntt to that position.

*Resolved*, That hereafter the Commencement Sermon be always delivered by the presiding officer of the University.

*Resolved*, That the Theological Professor and the Executive Committee be requested to take into consideration the propriety of procuring additional assistance in the Theological Department of the University; and that they be authorized to take any such action relative thereto as may not involve this Board in pecuniary obligation.

Adjourned.

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#### TUESDAY MORNING.

Instructed the Executive Committee to close the fence around the University grounds.

Appointed Judge O'Neill, P. E. Duncan and T. B. Roberts a Committee to contract for a lot for a Cemetery for the University, not to cost more than one hundred dollars.

Instructed the Treasurer to settle with the Executor of the late Professor Mims all arrearages due his Estate, and also to pay the current quarter's salary.

The Treasurer was still further instructed to settle quarterly with the Professors for salaries due, and in the event the interest on bonds be insufficient, to provide the means.

Rev. J. M. Chiles was elected a member of the Board, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. J. P. Boyce.

The Committee on the organization of the Greenville Baptist Female College reported.

Judge O'Neill submitted the form of acceptance of the deed of transfer of Academy lands, and the President and Secretary were instructed to sign and seal the same.

Added Professor Judson to the Executive Committee on Female College.

The Committee on the Corps of Instruction submitted their Report, whereupon it was resolved to continue the provisional arrangement heretofore existing with Dr. Gauntt, either party being at liberty to enter into new relations hereafter, with this proviso, however, that the connection shall not be dissolved, whether by the Trustees or the Professor, except after notice given six months previously.

*Resolved*, To allow Mr. Hart \$100 for his services as Librarian during the current year.

*Resolved*, That the price of tuition in the primary class of the Academical Department be raised to thirty dollars.

*Resolved*, That all moneys collected by our Agent, which are not in bonds for a permanent fund for the Furman University, be appropriated by this Board as income.

*Resolved*, That Brother Boyce be requested to deliver his Inaugural at next Commencement.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Paslay be continued as Agent until the next meeting of the Board.

*Resolved*, That Hon. J. B. O'Neill be requested to make an application to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company for an arrangement permitting the members of the Board to pass over and return upon their road for one fare, when engaged in the discharge of their duties as Trustees.

Passed a vote of thanks to Brother Roberts, for the able discharge of his duties as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Adopted a resolution requesting Ministers of our Denomination throughout the State to preach, on some day convenient to themselves, in reference to the Furman University, and to take up a collection for its benefit.

Instructed the Secretary to take and keep the bonds of the Treasurer and of the Agent.

Voted to publish an abstract of the Minutes.

Adjourned, to meet at Greenville on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, preceding the meeting of Convention in July next.

Prayer by Dr. Curtis.

R. FURMAN, *Secretary*.

# CHARTER OF THE FURMAN UNIVERSITY.

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## *AN ACT to Incorporate the Furman University.*

I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That Wm. B. Johnson, J. R. Kendrick, J. C. Furman, J. O. B. Dargan, J. S. Mims, T. P. Lide, J. Belton O'Neill, A. J. Lawton, J. A. Lawton, S. Furman, M. T. Mendenhall, Z. Watkins, A. Rice, J. Culpepper, R. Furman, T. Curtis, H. D. Duncan, T. Hopkins, W. P. Hill, H. A. Duncan, Isaac Nichols, T. Adams, J. L. Brooks, R. G. Edwards, W. Brooker, and such other persons as shall be elected Trustees by the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate in deed and in law, by the name of The Furman University; and that, by the said name, they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, and be able and capable, in law, to have, receive and enjoy to them and their successors, real and personal property not exceeding Three Hundred Thousand Dollars. The location of the said University shall be at or near Greenville Court House, in the District of Greenville.

II. That the said Trustees shall continue in office for the term of four years from the passing of this Act, and at the expiration of the said four years, and every four years thereafter, the said State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina shall elect their successors, the number thereof to be increased or diminished as the said Convention may deem proper. And the Trustees aforesaid shall be capable of doing or transacting all the business and concerns of the said University; but more particularly of electing all the customary and necessary officers of the said institution, of fixing their several salaries, of removing any of them for neglect, misconduct or other cause, of prescribing the course of study to be pursued by the students, and, in general, of framing and enacting all such ordinances and by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of this State, as shall appear to them necessary for the good government of the said University.

III. That the Trustees of the said University shall and may have a common seal, with liberty to change or alter the same, from time to time, as they shall think proper; and that, by their aforesaid name, they and their successors shall and may be able to implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all Courts within this State, and to grant, bargain, sell or assign any lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods or chattels; and to act and do all things whatsoever, for the benefit of the said University, in as ample a manner as any person or body politic or corporate can or may by law.

IV. That the said University may grant to students under its charge diplomas or honorary testimonials, in such form as it may designate. It may also confer such literary honors, degrees and diplomas as are usually granted by any University, College or Seminary of learning in the United States.

V. That the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina is hereby authorized to make such arrangements with the said University for the transfer of the funds and property of the said Convention, or any part thereof, either absolutely or conditionally, to the said University, as the said Convention shall deem proper.

VI. That this act shall be deemed a public Act, and continue of force for the term of fourteen years, and from thence until the adjournment of the next session of the Legislature.

In the Senate House, the twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and in the seventy-fifth year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

ROB'T. F. W. ALLSTON, *President of the Senate.*

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker House of Representatives.*

# A LIST

## OF

### BAPTIST MINISTERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA,

#### WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Adair, John, (*L.)	West Union.	Campbell, T. J.,	Limestone Springs.
Allen, Joel,	Marion C. H.	Cantey, Jas.,	Walterboro.
Anderson, C. A. T.,	Greenville C. H.	Carson, W. B.,	Gillisonville.
Ashbourn, J. M.,	Beech Branch.	Cave, B. M.,	Barnwell C. H.
Ashley, W.,	Craytonville.	Chambers, P.,	Horse Shoe.
Acker, A.,	Calhoun.	Chapman, J.,	Pickens C. H.
Ayres, Wm.,	Marion C. H.	Chastain, B. E.,	
Babb, R. S.,	Simpson's Mills.	Childers, W. W.,	Phoenix.
Ballard, W. L.,	Greenville C. H.	Chiles, J. M.,	Greenwood.
Barnett, M. C.,	Spartanburg C. H.	Chovin, C. E.,	Robertville.
Bartlett, H. T.,	Lotts'.	Cohen, A. D.,	Charleston.
Barton, H. M.,	Fairplay.	Coleman, J. D.,	Pleasant View.
Bateman, I. I.,	Society Hill.	Collins, E.,	West Union.
Baxley, Wm. C.,	Barnwell C. H.	Copeland, J. T.,	Flat Rock.
Bealer, G. B.,	Darlington C. H.	Corley, B. F.,	Ninety-Six.
Beattie, W. Q.,	Bennettsville.	Courtney, J.,	Aiken.
Beck, W.,	Darlington C. H.	Crane, W.,	Milford.
Bell, G.,	Lotts'.	Culpepper, J.,	Darlington.
Bell, Joel,	Millersville.	Curtis, Thos., D. D.	Limestone Springs.
Beverly, W. D.,	Marion C. H.	Curtis, Wm.,	" "
Blackman, W.,	Hickory Head.	Cuttino, D. W.,	Providence.
Bodie, D.,	Red Hill.	Dargan, J. O. B.,	Darlington.
Boyce, Prof. J. P.,	Greenville.	Davis, C., (L.)	Pagesville.
Boyd, W. B.,	Simpson's Mills.	Davis, J.,	Monticello.
Bradford, R.,	Silverton.	Davis, C. J.,	Walterboro.
Brantly, J. J.,	Newberry C. H.	Dawson, Thos.,	Blackville.
Breaker, C. M.,	Charleston.	Dean, C. P.,	Calhoun.
Breaker, D. M.,	Monk's Corner.	Dean, Jesse,	Greenville.
Breaker, J. M. C.,	Beaufort.	Dill, A.,	Earlesville.
Brooker, John,	Blackville.	Dozier, A. S.,	Mount Willing.
Brooker, W.,	Bull Swamp.	Drummond, S.,	Woodruff's.
Brooks, G. W.,	Greenville.	Drummond, W.,	"
Brooks, I. L.,	Hamburg.	Duncan, H. A.,	Greenville.
Broom, J.,	Silverton.	Durham, E.,	"
Brunson, D. D.,	Dunton's.	Durham, A. K.,	Laurens C. H.
Burn, J. W.,	Society Hill.	Dupre, L.,	Darlington.
Burriss, B.,	Anderson C. H.	Earle, T. J.,	Pendleton.
Burriss, J.,	" "	Edwards, Pr'f. P. C.	Greenville.

\* Licentiate.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Edwards, R. J.,	Bull Swamp.	Johnson, J. K.,	Williston.
Ezell, J.,	Limestone Springs.	Johnson, W., Jr.,	"
Fail, N.,	Hickory Head.	Johnson, W. B., D.D.	Anderson C. H.
Fenley, L.,	West Union.	Johnson, Wm. S.,	Speedwell.
Fewot, J.,	St. George.	Johnson, W. R.,	Flat Rock.
Ferguson, Benj.,	" "	Johnson, A. T.,	Mount Zion.
Fort, A. H.,	Lexington C. H.	Jones, J. C.,	Rogersville.
Fox, Wm.,	Walterboro.	Jones, W. T.,	Mount Croghan.
Frean, Thos.,	Columbia.	Kay, James,	Due West Corner.
Fuller, R. W.,	Beaufort.	Kendrick, J. R.,	Charleston.
Furman, Pr'f. J. C.,	Greenville.	Kendrick, J. G.,	Pickensville.
Furman, R.,	"	Kennedy, A. L.,	Cairo.
Furman, Samuel,	Statesburg.	King, R.,	Calhoun.
Furse, J. J.,	Lawtonville.	Knight, S.,	Scuffletown.
Gains, N.,	Line Creek.	Knox, Drury,	Bachelor's Retreat.
Gambrell, J. M. (L)	Calhoun.	Lagroom, J.,	Lotts'.
Garrison, J. E., (L)	Spring Hill.	Landrum, J. G.,	Fort Prince.
Getzen, I. P.,	Collins'.	Lankford, W.,	Gowensville.
Gibson, Samuel,	Milford.	Lanneau, C. H.,	Greenville.
Gilbert, J.,	Fountain Inn.	Lawton, J. A.,	Allendale.
Goss, J. H.,		Lawton, W. A.,	Lawtonville.
Graham, N.,	Sunterville.	Leavell, J., (L)	Anderson C. H.
Green, J. C.,	Pleasant Grove.	Lecroy, H.,	Fruit Hill.
Grimes, G. C.,	Laurens C. H.	Lee, T.,	Gold Mine.
Grimes, James,	Storeville.	Linder, J. J.,	Branchville.
Gwin, W. W.,	Youngsville.	Lindsay, E.,	Holland.
Gwin, T. D.,	Ridgeway.	Littlejohn, F. W.,	Hurricane Shoals.
Hayes, D.,	Hickory Head.	Long, J., (L)	Mount Willing.
Hicks, E.,	Lynch's Creek.	Long, W. B., (L)	Greenville C. H.
Hicks, G. W., (L)	Greenville.	Lynes, G.,	Monk's Corner.
Higgins, J. B.,	Columbia.	Lynes, Samuel,	Charleston.
Higgins, W.,	"	McGuffin, A. W.,	West Union.
Hill, J. A.,	McMakin's.	Mahoney, H. W.,	Friendship.
Hill, J. W.,	St. George.	Martin, W. J.,	Marion.
Hill, W. P.,	Greenwood.	Martin, W. P.,	Gentsville.
Hill, J. H.,	Walterboro.	Mason, T.,	Camden.
Hinton, L. C.,	Chesterville.	Masters, G. W.,	Anderson.
Hinton, James,	St. George.	Matthews, T. D.,	Honey Lane.
Hitt, W.,	Spring Grove.	Matthis, J.,	Mollohon.
Holland, E. D., (L)	West Union.	Mauldin, B. F.,	Williamston.
Hoover, Jno. M.,	Buford's Bridge.	Mellichamp, T. W.,	Beech Island.
Horn, A.,	Lotts'.	Mendenhall, J. K.,	Camden.
Huffman, J. C.,	St. Matthew's.	Moody, D.,	Greenville.
Hunnicutt, J. R.,	Pickens C. H.	Mitchell, J.,	"
Hyers, M.,		Morris, J.,	Darlington.
Isbell, Samuel,	Fair Play.	Morris, T.,	Hamburg.
Jackson, B. A.,		Morton, W. W.,	
Jeter, F. C.,	Beaver Dam.	Motes, J.,	Mountville.
Jeter, J. T.,	" "	Murray, J. S.,	Anderson.
Johnson, J.,	Buck Branch.	Nance, J. C.,	Wellsville.

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Napier, R.,	Mars Bluff.	Spruell, S.,	Simpson's Mills.
Newland, J.,	Carmel Hill.	Stacey, C.,	Jordan's Mills.
Nicholes, Isaac,	Manchester.	Stevens, H. J.,	Robertville.
Nix, J.,	Steep Bottom.	Suares, M. R.,	Barnwell C. H.
Norman, J. L.,	Cross Keys.	Sullivan, N.,	West Union.
Norris, A. P.,	Graniteville.	Sweat, J. T.,	Steep Bottom.
Odam, J.,	Brightsville.	Swindall, D. D.,	Greenville C. H.
Owen, J.,	Pickens C. H.	Thomas, J. A. W.,	Bennettsville.
Owens, W. C.,	Yorkville.	Timmons, E. B.,	Effingham.
Owings, M. C.,	Logansville.	Timmons, J. M.,	"
Paslay, H. W.,	Greenville.	Trapp, John,	Phoenix.
Pearce, T. J.,	Laurens C. H.	Turner, R.,	Spartanburg C. H.
Peterson, J. F.,	Richardson.	Tustin, J. P.,	Charleston.
Philips, J.,	Pleasant View.	Tyler, J.,	Graham's.
Phelps, —,	Society Hill.	Vandiver, H.,	Silver Glade.
Pinson, J. W.,	Mountville.	Vann, R. R.,	Monticello.
Perry, E., (L.)	Grahamville.	Vaughn, J. C.,	Cross Roads.
Porter, C. M.,	Ridgewood.	Vaughn, K.,	Calhoun.
Powell, S.,	Traveller's Rest.	Vernon, J. T. W.,	Rogersville.
Ray, J. J.,	Blackville.	Walker, George,	Walker's.
Ray, Thomas,	Cross Keys.	Walker, N. W.,	"
Raymond, C. A.,	Edgefield C. H.	Wallace, W.,	Brightville.
Reynolds, J. L., D.D.	Columbia.	Watkins, W.,	Jordan's Mills.
Rice, A.,	Storeville.	Watkins, Z.,	Coleman's x Roads.
Richards, Wm.,	Beaufort.	West, John,	Whitstown.
Robertson, T.,	Scuffletown.	Whately, E. L.,	Edgefield C. H.
Rogers, J. E., (L.)	Camden.	Whilden, B. W.,	Charleston.
Rogers, A. N.,	"	Whilden, R. F.,	Darlington.
Rollings, G.,	Pleasant View.	Wilbanks, S.,	Silver Glade.
Rollings, L. P.,	" "	Wilson, J. J.,	" "
Rollings, J. B.,	Kingstree.	Winkler, E. T.,	Charleston.
Roper, T. L.,	North Saluda.	Wood, Henry,	Mush Creek.
Ross, John,	Columbia.	Woodruff, J.,	Woodruff's.
Ritcher, S.,	Walterboro.	Woodruff, R.,	"
Sams, M. W.,	Grahamville.	Woodward, S. C.,	Williston.
Sanders, W. T.,	"	Woodward, —,	Little Pee Dee.
Scruggs, D.,	Cowpens.	Youmans, J. N.,	Gillisonville.
Shadrack, J. S.,	Phoenix.	Young, T.,	Abbeville.
Sharp, M. J.,	Columbia.	Young, V.,	Mount Hill.
Simmons, D.,	Townville.	Zealy, John T.,	Cheraw.
Spalding, A. T.,	Aiken.	Zeigler, L. G.,	Bull Swamp.



